

## **Attention Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipient:**

**Effective July 2011, the Virginia Department of Social Services will no longer issue TANF Match Payments (TMP).**

### **What is a TANF Match Payment (TMP)?**

The TANF Match Payment is the payment you received in addition to your regular TANF payment and disregard payment. The TMP is ending effective July 1. This means that as of July 1, as long as you are eligible you will receive your TANF payment and may receive a disregard payment up to \$100 of the child support the noncustodial parent pays during the month. You will no longer receive the TMP that you may have been receiving.

Note: The non-custodial parent (NCP) is the parent who does not live with the TANF household. The custodial parent (CP) is the parent or other relative that the child lives with. The TMP amount issued is based on the amount of current child support that was collected from the non-custodial parent(s) two months ago.

***Example:*** Current support of \$175 was collected by DCSE in January. The CP received a disregard of \$100 in January. The CP also receives a TMP of \$75 in March (2 months after the support was collected).

### **Why are the TMPs being discontinued?**

The Virginia General Assembly eliminated funding for the TMPs during the 2011 session.

### **Will this change my TANF payment amount?**

No. The loss of the TMP will not increase or decrease your current TANF payment amount. Note: Your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit amount may change because you are no longer receiving a TMP.

### **Will this change my Disregard payment amount?**

No. The Disregard is based on the amount of current child support or current child and spousal support that the NCP pays during the month. Up to the first \$100 of support received is paid to the CP as a Disregard payment.

### **What do I need to do?**

You do not need to do anything. **Please contact your eligibility worker at your local department of social services with any questions about this notice.**